AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Replace the paragraph starting at page 11, line 29, with the following replacement paragraph:

Referring to step 122, if the retransmission manager 24 determines that the acknowledgment waiting bit of the first entry was reset, indicating reception of a corresponding acknowledgment message, the retransmission manager checks in step ~~124~~ 130 whether the counted number of packets (N_T) indicates additional entries for the referenced access cycle. If no additional entries are found, the retransmission manager 24 deletes the entries in step 126, clearing the retransmission table 20.

Replace the paragraph starting at page 12, line 1, with the following replacement paragraph:

If in step ~~124~~ 130 additional entries are indicated by the counted number of packets (N_T), the retransmission manager 24 checks in step ~~126~~ 132 if the corresponding waiting bit 34 has been reset by the acknowledgment manager 36; if the waiting bit 34 has been reset, indicating receipt of the acknowledgment message, the retransmission manager 24 checks for additional entries in step ~~124~~ 130. However if in step ~~126~~ 132 the acknowledgment waiting bit was not reset, the retransmission manager 24 transfers in step 128 the current entry 26 and any additional entries indicated by the number of packets value (N_T) to the transmit queue 70 for retransmission. The retransmission manager 24 then clears the entries in step 126.